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Claims 2-4, 8-10 and 27-31 are presented for reconsideration.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2-4, 8, 27, 28 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mori *et al.*, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0055695, (Mori) in view of Etzion *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,604,093, (Etzion) and in further view of Keller *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,847,970, (Keller).

Claims 9-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mori/Etzion/Keller in view of H. Herbst, G. Knolmayer, T. Myrach and M. Schlesinger: "The specification of business rules: A comparison of selected methodologies", Pub. 1994, (Herbst) and in further view of Nye, U.S. Patent No. 6,341,279 (Nye).

Claims 29 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mori/Etzion/Keller in view of C. Gill, T. Harrison, and C. O'Ryan "Using the real-time event service" (Gill). The Application (reel/frame 014668/0833) and Keller (reel/frame 013875/0348) were commonly owned by the same person, IBM Corporation, at the time the claimed invention was made. Keller, has a filing date of Sep. 11, 2002, prior to the filing date hereof, 30 Oct 2003. Keller was published 11 Mar 2004, and thus appears to be prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Therefore Applicant believes that Keller is not a reference pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(c).

With the removal of Keller, it is urged that the above-noted rejections have been overcome.

Concluding Matters

It is believed that the amendments and remarks presented hereinabove are fully responsive to all the grounds of rejection and objections raised by the Examiner, and that the Application is now in order for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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